

Interview Summary

Applicant thanks Examiner Jung for the courtesy of the after-final interview on September 13, 2010. Although no agreement was reached, Examiner Jung was receptive to a proposed amendment clarifying the structural arrangement of the first synthetic polymer within the confinement structure. She agreed that such an amendment, properly phrased, would be a structural feature that could sufficiently differentiate the claims to overcome the cited prior art. The examiner further suggested adding one or more additional limitations to define the structural arrangement of the polymer and the confinement structure.

However, the examiner noted that the additional structural limitation discussed had not been explicitly defined in any independent or dependent claims to date. Therefore, the examiner would be required to perform a further prior art search before the application could be allowed. Given the after-final posture of the application, the examiner suggested filing an RCE.